GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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PROFIT TO DRUG MANUFACTURING COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to evaluate the effectiveness of drug policy and price controlling mechanism so as to check undue profit earned by the drug manufacturing companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the lacunae identified in the implementation of the drug price controlling system; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of life saving drugs and make them available at cheaper price?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a): As far as Department of Pharmaceuticals is concerned, no study has been commissioned to evaluate the effectiveness of drug policy and price controlling mechanism so as to check undue profit earned by the drug manufacturing companies.

(b): In view (a) above does not arise.

(c): The Drug Policy as amended from time to time envisages making available quality medicines at reasonable prices to the masses.